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1. Dippach (H62 or H65)

Part of a great stock of German ammunition of all types and calibers stored in a potassium mine near Dippach were detonated up to the middle of July 1947. Since that time remaining stocks have been cleaned by German workers, who were still on the job in early September. Cleaned ammunition is shipped eastward by rail.

2. Halle (D92)

a. During the week of 10-16 August, a demolition squad of 1,180 EM and 10 officers left Halle-Bischdorf and went to Klingenthal (K30). They were replaced by 472 EM and 4 officers, all new recruits from a special school in Moscow.

b. Also between 10-16 August, an armored unit with 35 T-34 tanks equipped with long barreled guns shifted from Halle-Würmlitz to Gebnitz (Gelsnitz, K11?) on the Czechoslovak border.

c. The former supply depot in Halle-Trotha (D93), vacated by the Russians on 17 July, is being converted into an ammunition depot. No German laborers are employed.

3. Altengrabow (200)

A large subterranean munitions factory along the narrow gauge railroad line between Hohenstietz (Y90) and Altengrabow is still intact. The Russians began converting it into a munitions depot sometime during July. Lively truck traffic has been observed in the area.

4. Frankfurt/Oder

Situated eight kilometers northeast of the Frankfurt/Oder freight station is a concrete underground munitions dump, the walls of which are 3 to 3.5 meters high. The depot contains great quantities of dynamite, German and Russian artillery ammunition, multiple rocket

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launchers, machine guns, small arms, American tracer bullets, etc., etc. Source, a former Wehrmacht officer now turned truck driver, estimates that there is sufficient materiel on hand to supply two armies. It required half an hour, at fifteen mph, for him to drive from the entry to the loading site. The depot is guarded by Mongol troops.

5. Rangsdorf (282)

An unidentified MVD regiment moved into the former NS teachers' organization settlement in Rangsdorf at the end of August. It has been assigned the task of rounding up bands of deserters and German "criminals" said to be active in that region.

6. Fürstenwalde (V33)

The 7th Mechanized Division maintains its headquarters in Fürstenwalde.

7. Schwerin (T46)

An armored division arrived in Schwerin at the end of August and another in Parchim, where there is also a mechanized division. The source of this information states that armored division regiments consist of two armored battalions and one motorized infantry battalion, while the mechanized division comprises two battalions of motorized infantry and only one armored battalion.

8. Nordhausen (D32)

A new engineering battalion arrived in Nordhausen on 2 September.

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